

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) A monolithic device useable to connect adjacent vertebrae, the monolithic device comprising: a stabilization member; a first anchoring member extending from the stabilization member; and, a second anchoring member extending from the stabilization member; wherein said stabilization member, said first anchoring member, and said second anchoring member form the monolithic device for insertion into the adjacent vertebrae.

2. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said stabilization member is porous.

3. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said first anchoring member extends perpendicularly from the stabilization member.

4. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said second anchoring member extends perpendicularly from the stabilization member.

5. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said first and second anchoring members are parallel to each other.

6. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein at least one of said first and second anchoring members is substantially cylindrical.

7. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein at least one of said first and second anchoring members is porous.

8. – 30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 7 wherein said at least one of said first and second anchoring members has a pore size between approximately 190 and 1,200 microns.

32. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 7 wherein said at least one of said first and second anchoring members has a pore size between approximately 190 and 230 microns.

33. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 7 wherein at least one of said first and second anchoring members includes a lumen extending axially therethrough for promoting the ingrowth of bone.

34. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 7 wherein both of said first and second anchoring members include a lumen extending axially therethrough for promoting the ingrowth of bone.

35. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 2 wherein said stabilizing member has a pore size between approximately 190 and 1,200 microns.

36. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 2 wherein said stabilizing member has a pore size between approximately 190 and 230 microns.

37. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 2 wherein the stabilizing member includes a lumen extending axially therethrough for promoting the ingrowth of bone.